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"GLAD TO SEE YOU—PUT IT THERE": ROYAL WELCOME.



Talking to men wounded in the big push.—(Official photograph.)



Words of cheer to a soldier wounded in the great offensive.—(Official photograph.)



Talking to an officer.—(Official photograph.)



Inspecting some Scottish troops.—(Official photograph.)



With the New Zealand troops.—(Official photograph.)



Questioning a Scottish soldier.—(Official photograph.)

The King has returned from a visit to the troops at the front, during the course of which his Majesty visited each of the Army Headquarters, chatting with the generals and staff officers. A wounded Canadian thrust his hand with difficulty out of a railway

carriage window and said to the King: "Heard a lot about you. Glad to see you. Put it there!" Photographs in colour of the King's visit to the front will be on show at the Exhibition of War Photographs at the Grafton Galleries to-day.

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An order issued by the Food Controller amending the wholesale schedules of the Meat (Maximum Prices) Order, 1917, raises the wholesale maximum price for pork to 10s. 8d. per stone of 8lb.

Rat prices for pork are raised accordingly; some cuts, however, being increased by 1d. per lb. only.

Gate, are guaranteed by the extension of the frontier to the heights of Turu Severin.

Serbia.—Bulgaria must receive from Serbia certain districts inhabited by Bulgarians. We, however, have no desire to destroy Serbia.

"Wind Veered from Peace."—The hopes of our enemies of final victory are not merely based upon military expectations and the blockade.

"ENTENTE'S HOPE."

Recently, as I have already mentioned, we were almost on the point of entering into negotiations with the Western Powers, when the wind suddenly veered round and, as we now know with certainty, the Entente decided that it was better to wait as the parliamentary and political events in our country justified the hope that the monarchy would soon be defenceless.

Food from Rumania.—All Europe is to-day suffering from lack of foodstuffs as a terrible consequence of the war.

The European granaries of the Ukraine and Rumania remain over as the most important areas for the food supply of Europe, and these have been assured to our group of Powers for the immediate future. We have thus already acquired all that it is possible for peace to bring us in this respect.

From Rumania we shall obtain a considerable surplus of last year's harvest and they will also furnish us immediately with 300,000 sheep and 100,000 pigs.

Grain Hopes and Grain Facts.—We have agreed with the Ukrainian Government that at least a million tons of grain shall be delivered to the Quadruple Powers, and we hope that the organisation to be established will render it possible to collect these supplies.

At present, however, there are only thirty wagons of grain, peas and beans of the first transport en route from the Ukraine. Six hundred wagons of various kinds of foodstuffs are ready in the Ukraine to be transported into the interior of Austria-Hungary.

CLEMENCEAU'S DENIAL.

PARIS, Wednesday.—M. Clemenceau, before he left Paris for the front this morning, had his attention called to Count Czernin's assertion. The Premier's comment was brief and to the point. "Count Czernin has lied," he said.—Central News.

HUNS LAND IN FINLAND.

AMSTERDAM, Wednesday.—A Berlin official telegram says: "Part of our naval forces this morning, after a difficult passage through the ice and minefields, landed at Hangoe (South Finland) troops destined to give help in Finland."—Reuter.



Mr. H. A. Barker, Viscount Astor, although seriously ill at Brighton, is maintaining his strength. Specialists are attending him. Viscount Astor was fined £10 for working in contravention of the Petrol Restriction Order.

TWO STEAMERS SUNK.

Torpedoed Off Irish Coast—Two
Lifeboats Blown Up.

FIFTY MEN MISSING.

The Australian ss. Conarago (4,312 tons gross) was torpedoed off the Irish coast early on the morning of March 31.

The crew of fifty got away in lifeboats, but two of the boats were blown up either by torpedoes or gunfire.

The crew of the third boat—fifteen men—were picked up by a collier. It is feared that the others were lost.

About the same time, and in the same region, the steamship Salamina, of Andros, Greece, belonging to the Anglo-Indian Steamship Company, was sunk by gunfire.

Seven members of the crew were picked up and fifteen are missing.

"POTSDAM SCOUNDRELS."

German Humanity League Ask for
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The German Humanity League, states an Exchange message, in a manifesto to the Social Democrats of the world, says:—From the early days of August, 1914, we have publicly denounced the infamous scoundrels at Potsdam flattering the Kaiser and drenching the fair lands of Flanders and France with the blood of innocent victims.

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"We make to you, in the name of the ruined homes of the Fatherland, with all the vigour our powers command, an appeal that democracy will no longer hesitate—neutrals and belligerents alike—to end the war by the deposition of the Kaiser."

POTATOES AND TONNAGE.

How Amateur Gardeners Can Help
Transport Ships.

Grow potatoes and help to insure the rapid arrival of American reinforcements in France.

Heavier calls are now coming made upon our shipping by America's big effort to reinforce the Allies in the west, and whatever food is grown at home will help to liberate ships for this purpose.

The Daily Mirror's prizes for potatoes grown by amateurs in any allotment, private or school garden are:—

First prize ...	£500	Fourth prize ...	£25
Second prize ...	100	Fifth prize ...	10
Third prize ...	50	13 prizes of ...	5

Complete for the £750 in cash prizes which The Daily Mirror is offering to all who are growing potatoes.

As foreshadowed in The Daily Mirror a few days ago, Lord Rhonda has issued an order authorising local Food Control Committees to make compulsory the use of a percentage of potatoes in the making of bread.

BALUCHISTAN TRIBES SURRENDERING.

An Indian official states that punitive operations against the Marris of Baluchistan (a wild country in Asia and a British protectorate), continue satisfactorily. Practically all sections of the Marris have retired further into the hills, offering no organised resistance, but sending out parties to harry and loot villages.

The most serious of these raids was an attack on a goods train near Babar Kach, in which a European guard and six Indians were killed. Under pressure, however, the tribe is showing signs of surrender. Practically all sections of the Khotran tribe have already tendered their unconditional submission through their chief.

CHANCE FOR PATRIOTIC RUSSIANS.

It is announced that the Russian General Lehvitsky, serving in France, is forming a Russian Legion to fight the Central Powers on the western front.

All Russians of military age and fitness in England can join this legion, under French Army conditions and pay, by applying to the Russian Consular Legation, at 30, Bedford-square, London.

WAAC HEROINES.

Refused to Leave Danger Area
During Great Battle.

FIFTEEN MILES' MARCH.

The Secretary of the War Office announces that excellent reports have been received by the Army Council of the behaviour of members of the W.A.A.C. during the late heavy fighting.

One party who had been employed at an Army school within the area of operations were offered transport to convey them to a safer locality further back.

They refused to avail themselves of it on the ground that the crisis had not yet passed and that something more important, and they marched fifteen miles back to the place to which they had been ordered.

Before leaving and after all the students at the school had gone they remained there in a dangerous position feeding relays of tired and hungry officers and men.

All reports bear out the fact that the W.A.A.C. during the crisis have more than justified their existence and have well maintained the credit of their sex and of the Army.

LIEUT. O'LEARY, V.C.

Promotion for Gallant Irishman
Who Killed Eight Germans.

Second Lieutenant Michael O'Leary, V.C., has been promoted a full lieutenant.

O'Leary won his V.C. when one of a storming party at Cumbehy on February 1, 1915, he rushed to the front and himself killed five Germans who were holding the first barricade.

After this he attacked a second barricade, about eighty yards further on, which he captured after killing three of the enemy and making prisoners of two more.

Lance-Corporal O'Leary, as he then was, thus practically captured the enemy's position by himself and prevented the rest of the attacking party from being fired upon.

AMERICA'S MAN FACTORY.

Where Men Who Have Never Seen
Sea Are Made Sailors.

A party of foreign correspondents recently viewed near Chicago the most unique of war factories—a factory whose output is men.

It was the Great Lakes naval training station which draws the raw material of men from the desks, farms and streets of the Middle West, and puts them through three months' rigorous study, then sends them to sea-board as ready for their final polishing off on board ships as able-bodied seamen and petty officers.

As a training station Great Lakes is unprecedented in the world, in that it is located a thousand miles from salt water.

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FEWER LATE TUBE TRAINS

Restrictions Applied After 11 p.m.

"Last Trains" as Usual.

Restrictions of the London train services on the Underground and the tubes after 11 p.m. by widening the intervals up to the time of the last advertised train began last night.

This is the result of observations carried out the previous night showing that there were few people on the move after eleven o'clock.

For the present the times of the last trains will stand, and there is no intention of restricting trains in the rush hours. A big rush was noted between 9.30 p.m. and 10.45 p.m.

UNTEERS WHO MUST "CARRY ON."

The Secretary of the War Office announces that the Army Council has recently decided that for the present the order issued for the discharge of Section D Volunteers shall be suspended.

Class D men—mostly men over military age—are those who found themselves unable, from one cause or another, to sign an agreement to remain in the force until the end of the war and to undertake a minimum number of drills.

At a rough estimate the D men numbered 100,000.

350 NURSES VICTIMS OF WAR.

A memorial service for nurses who have fallen in the war—350 in number—will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday, April 10, at 2.30 p.m.

"THE BRITISH LINE NEVER BROKE."

General Smuts on Huns'
Attempt at Knock-Out.

ATTACK OF 1,500,000 MEN.

"Once more the British Army stood in the breach in a defence the heroism and glory of which will live for ever."

"Through all that dreadful ordeal, when everything went to pieces and earth's foundations shook, our line never broke."

Thus declared General Smuts, a member of the War Cabinet, in the course of a speech yesterday at a luncheon following his acceptance of the freedom of the Clothmakers' Company.

After such labours and losses as the British troops had undergone in 1917, the enemy thought, said General Smuts, that their moral had suffered, and that the time had come for the knock-out blow, and so on March 21 they were once more singled out by the enemy for the greatest blow of the war, in the confident belief that they would be finally overwhelmed.

In little more than one week the enemy hurled against our 3rd and 5th Armies more than one and a half million men.

"Slowly," the general added, "but only under irresistible pressure, our men retired, fighting every inch of the way up to their last scrap of strength and endurance."

500,000 CASUALTIES FOR ALL.

General Smuts then gave an exposition of the origins of the war, citing the disclosures of Dr. Munton and Prince Lichnowsky.

Von Jagow, he said, virtually admits that the war arose as a question of German prestige, and practically agrees with Muhlton and Krupp that the "wounded vanity of the Kaiser was at the bottom of it all."

General Smuts went on to say that, when the Prime Minister made his very moderate and fair statement of our war aims to the Labour Conference last January a favourable opportunity was presented to the enemy after he had secured his eastern flank by the discomfiture of Russia to conclude, not a peace of conquest, but a fair and reasonable peace.

The answer has come in the most bloody and terrible offensive of the whole war, which has probably already cost more than half a million casualties to all the combatants, and will cost many times more before it is over.

RECORD PICTURE HUSTLE

Photographs of the King at the
Front at Grafton Galleries.

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NEWS ITEMS.

Beggar's £30 in Gold.—On James Clarke, sixty, a labourer, who was fined 10s. at Nottingham, yesterday, for begging, was found £30 in gold. After being fined he was allowed to keep the gold.

Can It Be True?—According to a Zurich telegram the Kaiser has declared to his entourage that if the present offensive turns out to be a second Verdun he will no longer remain on the Imperial throne.—Central News.

Hard Labour for Milkman.—At Milfordhaven yesterday John Davies, of the Thornton Dairy Farm, Milfordhaven, was fined £50 and sentenced to three months' hard labour for having unlawfully added water to milk intended for sale.

Overpaid for Four Years.—Since 1914 a London panel doctor, owing to a clerical error, has been credited with 1,000 more insured persons than he had accepted, and the mistake has only been discovered after he has been overpaid by £857.

Alman's Last Wish.—If any music is played at my funeral let it be the 'March of the Men of Harlech,' was the last wish of Lieutenant Cottrell Jones, R.F.C., burned to death through his aeroplane crashing to earth. At his funeral the organist carried out his wish.

NEW PENSIONS BILL.

Within the next few weeks several pension reforms will be instituted. A new Pensions Bill is to be introduced under which discharged soldiers will further benefit and many existing grievances will be removed.

As far as soldiers' children are concerned, there will be an increased scale of allowances, rising to 20 per cent, and probably to nearly 50 per cent, for motherless children. There will also be substantial increases in gratuities for soldiers' widows with children.

BRITISH RETAKE VILLAGE AND REPULSE ATTACK

Germans Make a Lively Onslaught on Positions to the South of Moreuil.

FOE PREPARING TO STRIKE FRESH BLOW.

Count Czernin's Arrogant Speech: "Allies Must Be Conquered Militarily and Then Morally"

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, Wednesday.

10.6 A.M.—At dawn yesterday a determined attack made by a strong party of the enemy against our positions in the neighbourhood of Fampoux was repulsed after sharp fighting. A number of German dead and a few prisoners were left in our hands.

A successful local operation was undertaken by our troops last night in the neighbourhood of Ayette, which is now in our possession. Over 100 prisoners and three machine guns were captured by us. We also secured a few prisoners yesterday in the enterprise in the neighbourhood of Serre already reported.

There is nothing further to report from the battle front.

Lincolnshire troops raided the enemy's trenches north-east of Loos yesterday morning and captured thirty-one prisoners and a machine gun.

Another successful raid, in which we captured a few prisoners, was carried out by us last night north-east of Poelcapelle.

WAR OFFICE STATEMENT.

There is no change in the situation.

WILL HUN GENERAL STAFF TRY NEW TACTICS?

Failure of "Express Drive" May Necessitate New Plan of Attack.

CORRESPONDENTS' HEADQUARTERS, BRITISH ARMY, FRANCE, Wednesday.—Still the enemy infantry refrains from further endeavour to advance, and still such successes as are to be recorded are on our side.

With regard to the full which has fallen upon the great German offensive along nearly the whole of our front, it is interesting to recall the experiences in our own grand aggressive operations.

During the Somme fighting our great attacks were reported on an average of about once a fortnight. In the Flanders fighting of last year the intervals were shorter.

The traditional principle of German tactics is to press every advantage without loss of time, and in my opinion the continuance of the full

6 BIG SHIPS DOWN.

The Admiralty shipping return shows six big ships were sunk last week, as compared with sixteen.

Week ended.	Over 1,600 tons.	Under 1,600 tons.	Fishing Vessels.
Mar. 30.....	6	7	5
" 23.....	16	12	1
" 16.....	12	6	1
" 9.....	15	3	1
" 2.....	12	6	0

The weekly average in round figures of ships sunk in preceding months was:—

Feb. (4 weeks).....	12	4	3
Jan. (4 weeks).....	9	3	2
Dec. (6 weeks).....	14	3	1

The arrivals and sailings of merchant ships of all nationalities (over 100 tons net) for the week ending March 30 were 2,416 and 2,379, a total of 4,795.

Fifteen ships were unsuccessfully attacked.

looks as though the High Command realises that its plans have not materialised as anticipated, and it is taking stock of the situation.

The weather has become wet and cheerless since last night and the difficulties of movement in the old shell-furrowed Somme country are said to be increasing.—Reuter's Special.

BATTLE OF SKI-ING MEN.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

Wednesday.—Under cover of a snowstorm an enemy outpost attacked one of our posts at a height of 2,512 metres in the Upper Furva Valley. It was repulsed by our ski-ing detachments.

South of Marco we annihilated the garrison of an enemy outpost and captured fifteen prisoners. Captives were also taken on the slopes of Cima d'Ola and war material on Mount Altissimo.

GROWING BIG GUN BATTLE FROM SOMME TO OISE.

French Gain Near Plemont—Foe's Slight Success in Lively Fight.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Afternoon.—On the Somme and Oise front there was growing reciprocal artillery activity.

South of Moreuil the enemy delivered a lively attack against our positions between Morisel and Mailly Reineval. Repulsed by our fire, the attacking force could not gain a footing except at one point of our advanced line.

An enemy attempt north of Noyet failed under our fire.

We carried out yesterday evening a minor operation against the points north of the Plemont, during which our troops appreciably widened their positions and took sixty prisoners.

Aviation.—On March 31 and April 1 our squadrons dropped twelve tons of explosives on the railway lines and cantonnements of Ham, Chauny, Noyon, etc.

A great fire broke out at the railway station of Chaulnes.

Enemy cantonnements in the region of Roye were plentifully bombarded with machine guns from a low altitude.

Our chaser planes fought numerous engagements, in the course of which eight German machines were brought down, and two others were destroyed by anti-aircraft guns.—Reuter.

"NOYON CATHEDRAL SET ON FIRE." SAY HUNS.

Berlin Story of What French Shells Have Done.

AMSTERDAM, Wednesday.—The Cologne Zeitung learns from Berlin that the pause in the fighting on the western front was a necessity. It is pointed out that the same thing has occurred here as in Italy when the Tagliamento was reached. Moreover, the stormy and rainy weather of the past few days had greatly hampered transport.

A semi-official Berlin message states that the Compiegne station and the railway from Clermont to Amiens are under German artillery fire, while Compiegne and Soissons have also been bombarded by German aircraft.

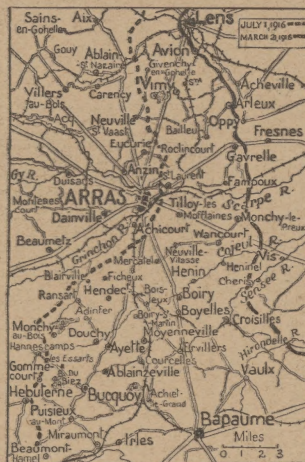
It is declared that the cathedral at Noyon has been set on fire by the French shells and that Noyon is burning.—Central News.

Noyon Cathedral is one of the most beautiful examples in France of the Transition style of the 11th-12th centuries. Round and pointed arches are used promiscuously.

"T.B.D." SUNK—ALL SAVED

ADMIRALTY OFFICIAL.

One of H.M. destroyers sank on the 1st inst. as the result of a collision. All hands were saved.



The British have recaptured Ayette, which is between Arras and Albert.

BERLIN SLURS OVER LOSS OF AYETTE VILLAGE.

"Destruction of Laon by French Artillery Continues," Says Foe.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Wednesday Afternoon.—The firing engagement near and south of Lens was more lively at times.

On the battle front the fighting activity throughout the whole of the day was restricted to artillery fire and reconnoitring engagements.

A nocturnal thrust made by English companies at Ayette was repulsed by a counter-attack.

During the evening the enemy attacked with strong forces between Marcelcave and the Luce Moutet. He was driven back with heavy losses.

By means of a coup de main we gained possession of the height south-west of Moreuil.

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Before Verdun and in the Central Vosges the artillery activity revived.

South-west of Elzach a successful thrust resulted in prisoners being brought in.

Captain Cavalry Baron von Richthofen won his seventy-fifth aerial victory.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

'SCOUNDRELS OF POTSDAM' DENOUNCED BY GERMANS.

German Humanity League Appeals to All to Depose Kaiser.

The German Humanity League, says an Exchange message, has issued the following manifesto to the Social Democrats of the world:—

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RHEIMS COUNCIL TO MOVE.

Paris, Wednesday.—The Petit Journal states that the municipality of Rheims has decided to remove to Paris until the Allies have achieved victory.—Reuter.

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Other leading points in the speech were:—

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The First Breach.—The first breach in the war-wall of our enemies was made by the peace negotiations with Russia. It was a breakthrough of the peace idea.

It is an evidence of childish dilettantism to overlook the inner connection between the various conclusions of peace.

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The frontier along all the important passes had been advanced over Rumanian territory by reasons of military necessity.

Serbia.—Bulgaria must receive from Serbia, however, have no desire to destroy Serbia. The best State egoism is to come to terms with a beaten neighbour.

NO BEGGING FOR PEACE.

Peace.—I do not intend to go begging for peace or to obtain it by entreaties and lamentations, but to enforce it by our moral right and physical strength.

Limitation of Armaments.—I think the financial requirements due to the war will require all States, after the war, to enter into an international compromise regarding the limitation of their armaments.

This calculation of mine is neither idealistic nor fantastic; it is based upon reality in politics in the most literal sense of the word.

Food from Rumania.—From Rumania we shall obtain a considerable surplus of last year's harvest and they will also furnish us immediately with 800,000 sheep and 100,000 pigs.

VLADIVOSTOK SEIZED.

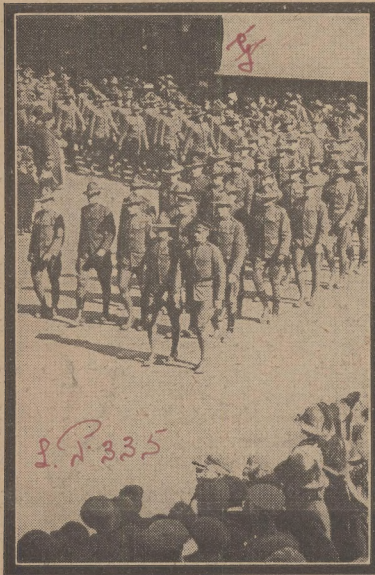
PEKIN, undated (received yesterday).—Tokio reports that ominous signs of trouble are brewing at Vladivostok, where the Bolsheviks have taken possession of the telegraphs, thereby practically cutting off all outside communication.—Exchange.

HUNS' BIG GUN BURSTS?

Paris, Wednesday.—According to some German prisoners taken recently on the German front, one of the German long-range guns which had been bombarding Paris burst, killing five of the men working the gun.—Reuter.

WELCOME TO ALLIES

THE TRIUMPH OF "KULTUR"—BRITISH SAILOR T



On their way to the civic reception



Fellow prisoners entering the churchyard with the remains of their late comrade.

An incident, which before the war might well have been deemed incredible, is brought to light in a White-paper. - John Player G. over, seaman, late of H.M.S. Nestor, was bayoneted and burned to death in a flaming dungeon on March 9, 1917, whilst a prisoner war at Brandenburg. A fire had broken out in the camp. The prisoners, after repeatedly calling in vain for help, made an effort



The Mayor shakes hands with an American officer. The Mayor and Mayoress of an English town held a reception of the officers and men of the American Army now in England.-(Daily Mirror photographs.)



O'LEARY AGAIN.—2nd Lieut. Michael O'Leary, the famous Irish V.C., has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.



TO WED.—Miss Ellen Lorna Fielden, daughter of the late Mr. T. Fielden, M.P., who is to marry Lieut. Day Thwaites.

HOSTS OF WILLING HELPERS.



Viscount Knutsford's Volunteers are dealing with stacks of letters from ladies living in the country who are anxious to help in collecting the million half-crowns for the London Hospital.

PLENTY TO DO



Women workers of the immobilized army.

CANADIANS HELP IN POTATO CAMPAIGN.



In the sowing of potatoes strict economy should be practised. One potato usually makes three seeds. Above will be seen a number of Canadian soldiers at work on the land near Windsor.

THE FROLICHSOME W.A.A.C.s.



In the military sports at Hertford the W.A.A.C.s three-legged race proved one of the most popular items. The competitors enjoyed the fun as much as the spectators.



The "Penguins" of the Women's Royal Air Force recruiting for the new year.

BACK INTO FLAMING DUNGEON BY HUN FIENDS

U.S. SPY SENSATION



Another scene at the grave showing the burial ceremony being conducted by old shipmates.

Glenower smashing a pane of glass. The sentry, seeing him leaning out of the window, gave him a tremendous bayonet thrust chest. The wounded man fell like lead. The German soldier then plunged his bayonet into the bodies of the demented prisoners. When the fire was extinguished there were eight corpses.



Mme. Despina Davidovitch Storch.

"PENGUINS."

A FEW DAYS AGO IT WAS A CHURCH!



A.F. loading an aeroplane.



The Bishop of Beauvais (centre), with two priests, visiting the ruins of the church at Lassigny after the ravages caused by the recent fighting.



DEATH. — Will Dale, widely known as hunting circles, has died after a brief illness. He started with Lord Salway.



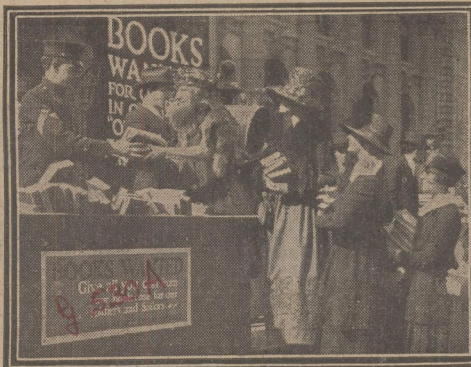
HER OWN GARDENER. — Mrs. John Kirkwood, who is acting as her own head gardener at her beautiful Devonshire home.



Mme. E. C. Nix and Count Rober de Clairmont.

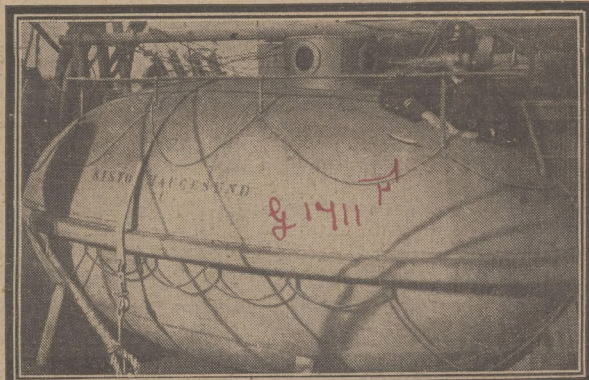
In a round-up of suspected spies in New York four persons who have been under surveillance were arrested. They are Mme. Despina Storch (who has since died), a Turkish woman of great beauty, Baron Henri de Buille, a Frenchman, Mme. E. C. Nix, wife of a German Army officer, and Count Rober de Clairmont.—(Exclusive to The Daily Mirror.)

A LITTLE READING MATTER FOR 'SAMMY'



The New York Public Library is the concentration camps for books. These girls are carrying piles of books to the Public Library Building, from whence the volumes will be sent on to the camps.

BALLOON BOAT THAT WILL NOT SINK.



A model of an unsinkable balloon-boat, used by the Norwegian Navy. It is a kind of airship, with two small portholes and a mast for a sail to navigate it. The experiment will be watched with much interest.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1918.

THE MARIONETTE AGAIN.

COUNT CZERNIN has delivered another long speech. The Vienna City Council were evidently keen to give him an opportunity of explaining the "present international situation." And so he condescendingly explains it.

He seeps a pair of very righteous hands. He is entirely virtuous. Self-satisfaction could go no further. He bows and scrapes to President Wilson. Nothing is his fault. It is all the wicked predatory Entente that won't hear reason. And so on and so on—very familiar stuff. Stuff unsubstantial, however, for the war-weary!

But the Austrian war-weary have better nourishment in the speech.

"Peace is on the way"—that really is the recurrent chorus, or text, of it. "We are making peace all round. Petrograd, the Ukraine, Rumania—and Serbia too if she likes. Peace is on the way."

Let us—horrid nightmare!—imagine ourselves Germans or Austrians. It must seem fairly true, this part of Count Czernin's speech? Peace has indeed been torn from disordered Russia.

Or, again, suppose we had just concluded a favourable peace with Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey. Should not we be encouraged to go on—against Germany? That is a fair equivalent for the enemy position.

Certainly he wants peace. But evidently he has a large instalment of it. One of the tragic paradoxes of the war has been that the war-weary in Russia have thus been able, in their longing for peace, indefinitely to prolong the war—in France.

Count Czernin's speech further contains the usual assurances conflicting absolutely with the continual practice of the Central Powers.

He is not out for annexations, but he and his are annexing. He is defending himself by offending others. . . . It is hardly worth lingering over. Only let us note, once again, that Count Czernin's tone is still distinguishable from the Prussian. In Berlin, lately, the "new war" has been celebrated. Again into the gulf! Will to victory! With Count Czernin, on the contrary, it is a "will to Beace!"

But that surely is a matter of temperament and adaptation to environment.

In Berlin, dark beer; in Vienna, light. Sharp-flavoured stew in Berlin; in Vienna, milder hash. Fierce music of Strauss in Prussia; in Austria, the other Straus of the sentimental waltzes.

The root-reality is the same; and it is this—that, just as behind Austria, at the beginning, stood predatory Prussia waiting her chance; so, at the end, behind Austria, will predatory Prussia stand, to interpret gentle phrases according to her brutal instincts.

That is why we feel Count Czernin's gentleness comes not from one who speaks with authority, but from a marionette.

W. M.

DEAD YOUTH.

Weep no more, weep no more, weep no more,
For Lycidas, your sorrow, is not dead,
Sunk though he be beneath the watery floor,
So sinks the day-star in the ocean bed,
And yet soon repairs his drooping head,
And tricks his beams, and with new-spangled ore
Flames in the forehead of the morning sky:
So Lycidas, sunk low, but mounted high,
Through the dear night of Him that walked the
waves,
Where, other groves and other streams along,
With nectar pure his cozy locks he laves,
And hears the unexpressed nuptial song,
In the blest kingdoms meek of joy and love. . . .
JOHN MILTON.

IN MY GARDEN.

APRIL 3.—Jerusalem artichokes should be widely cultivated this year, since besides being highly nutritious, they are easy to cultivate and will grow well in almost any situation and soil. Plant the tubers at once in well-dug ground; set them five deep and in rows 2 ft. apart. The only attention they need during the summer is an occasional hoeing. E. F. T.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

No one knows whether death, which men in their fear apprehend to be the greatest evil, may not be the greatest good.—Plato.



Mrs. Hugh Thomas, niece of Lord Belfour. Her husband is a diplomat at Cairo.



Mrs. William Morris, grandniece of the Chinese Gordon, nursing at a Park-lane hospital.

ROYAL SPONSORS.

Abolition of Officers' Afternoon Tea—Free Picture Shows for the Villages.

I HEARD yesterday, on good authority, that the King and Queen are likely to stand as god-parents to Sir Douglas Haig's little son. This honour, I understand, was promised the British commander during the King's last visit to France.

Back Home.—Many friends are congratulating Captain Batten-Pool on his return

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

The Fog.—It was a capricious sort of fog yesterday, and spread itself about in patches. Some suburban travellers I met complained of being delayed by the fog, while others were surprised to find the atmosphere so dense when they reached the City.

Peer on the Staff.—Lord Cranworth is now gazetted as a staff captain. He is one of our youngest peers, being just over forty, and has already seen service, as he helped to annoy the wily Kruger nearly twenty years ago. Lady Cranworth is a kinswoman of Viscount Ridley.

Wounded.—I am sorry to see that the Hon. J. C. Jervis is wounded. He is Lord St. Vincent's nineteen-year-old heir and is a lieutenant in the King's Royal Rifles.

Novelist's Picture.—I have heard of something new in the way of portraits. Lance-Corporal J. D. Dowd, R.A.M.C., whose "line" work is so well known, is painting a

Free Pictures.—Everybody connected with the enterprise is very hopeful about the cinematograph tour of rural England. The Ministry of Information, which is sending out this fleet of cinemas on wheels, has propaganda films of a kind both exciting and educative.

Long Service.—In a suburban station yesterday I noticed on the platform a Waac with the blue chevron, denoting a year's service, on her uniform sleeve. She was the first I had seen so decorated.

Perseverance.—I rather like this ad., which I cull from a morning paper: "Humorous artist, still persevering, welcomes new jokes and suggestions. No remuneration offered beyond cheerfulness." No doubt it is a cheerful thing to get your jokes gratis.

Rockle.—Another advertiser in the same paper seems to be asking for trouble in a loud voice. "Advertiser invites replies from any thinking man with ideas for schemes requiring finance," he rashly states.

About Again.—I am glad to hear that Lady Shackleton's small daughter, Cicely, is about again after the accident she had tobogganing.

A Birthday Step.—Young Lord Altmont, I notice, now mounts a second "pip." He was twenty last week, and is Lord Sligo's heir. Educated at "the School," he is in the Dragoons.

Field Marshal at a Music Hall.—There is generally a good bill at the Victoria Palace on Sunday nights, when it is open free to our fighting men. Next Sunday, however, there will be an extra attraction, for Lord French has promised to address the audience.

Saving a Meal.—I hear that quite a number of officers' messes are dropping afternoon tea and putting forward the dinner hour. Thus the "curfew" rule extends its sway.

"Cheep" Revisited.—I rambled into the Vanderville to see Miss Lee White get a hearty greeting on her return to "Cheep." New frocks and new songs signalled the occasion and added to the general joy.

"Pamela" Back.—I hear from Miss Lily Elsie that she will be back at the Palace (in "Pamela") again on Monday. She has enjoyed her vacation in Scotland.

Going Strong.—Looking in at "Flora," I was pleased to note the size of the audience. It is giving away nothing to say now that the attendance at first was a little disappointing, but at present all seems well.

Mem.—"General Post." I notice, will tomorrow score five hundred performances. It is a charming play, but at the production I did not think it would run so long. Evidently the public taste is better than I thought.

New Leading Lady.—I am now allowed to tell you—I was sworn by most awful oaths to secrecy—that Miss Kylie Bellew will be the leading lady in "The Knife" when it is produced at the Comedy next Wednesday.

The Others.—"The Knife" will have a strong cast, including Mr. Aubrey Smith (I told you about him before, but was contradicted), Mr. Sam Livsey, Mr. Farren Soutar, Miss Barbara Gott and Miss Helen Haye.

The Last Champion.—I was deeply sorry yesterday to hear of the death of poor Charles Mitchell, the last real ring champion England has produced. He gave away weight like a generous man gives away halfpennies, but he made a Goliath like John L. Sullivan look a child in the ring.

A Characteristic Invitation.—The last time I met Charles Mitchell I found him in the best of health supping at Romano's. "Excuse me," he said, "but when you next come down to Brighton stay with me. We haven't the accommodation of the Metropole, but in my place anyone can swear at the dinner table, and that's such a relief."

The Front Name.—Miss Anne Walden—the name is new to me—is in the company at the New Theatre. This will deprive Miss Anne Beaufort of her claim to be the only "Anne" on the stage. Can you think of any other theatrical "Annes"?

THE RAMBLER.



Earth and fire are already pretty well controlled. It may be water and air next!—(By W. K. Haseloen.)

from internment. He gained the V.C. in 1916 by his gallantry in directing the raiding party he commanded after his right hand had been shattered by a bomb. Not till he had been wounded twice more did he retire.

Baron Engaged.—I hear that Lord Gifford is to be married for the second time. The first Lady Gifford, who died five years ago, was the daughter of a well-known Q.C. Lord Gifford, who succeeded his brother in 1911, has just turned sixty-three.

The Bride-To-Be.—She who will be the new Lady Gifford is Miss Anne Aitchison, of Musselburgh. Her father, the late Colonel Aitchison, was in the Scots Guards.

A Padre.—Many people will regret to hear that that popular padre of the Grenadiers, the Rev. E. R. Gibbs, has made the great sacrifice. He was well known in Doncaster and the neighbourhood, and just before the war was made chaplain to the Archbishop of York.

portrait of Mr. Pett Ridge. The novelist is shown in a mean street with some small children turning round to watch the man who has helped so many slum babies.

Fashions in Beauty.—My girl cousin tells me that the brunette is just now the most admired type and that the new colouring in most things has been designed for her. Is this because the French are so popular here and nearly all their women are brunettes.

The Yolk.—This is an age of substitutes; but I was amused to see on a bill of fare outside a Fleet-street restaurant the words "Egg Omelette." What else is the foundation of the omelette?

Timely.—I met a friend who is a special constable last night, and with pride he showed me the nice winter overcoat which he had just received from the authorities. It may seem belated; but we know what an English spring is.

THE KING WITH THE FIGHTING MEN: SEE PICTURES ON PAGE ONE

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A NAVAL WEDDING.



Surgeon Gordon Watson, R.N., and Miss N. C. Platten were married at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, E.C.—(Exclusive to The Daily Mirror.)

WOMAN'S RECORD FLIGHT.



Miss Katherine Stinson, the Texan aviatrix, who flew from San Diego to San Francisco (610 miles) in nine hours.



BRIDE.—Miss Airlie Hyman, who is to marry Captain J. G. Maddon, D.S.O., Manchester Regiment, to-day.



AIR APPOINTMENT.—Brig-Gen. G. Livingstone, C.M.G., who has been appointed Deputy Master-General of Personnel.

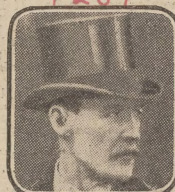
A VIGOROUS FIGHT FOR EAST TYRONE.



Mr. Sean Milroy, Sinn Fein candidate, speaking.



Sinn Fein officers in uniform.



ARRESTED.—"Eddie" Guerin, the escaped prisoner from Devil's Island, arrested at Brighton on a robbery charge.



TO-DAY'S BRIDE.—Miss V. Baden, who is to marry the Rev. Dr. R. F. Horton, of Lynhurst-road, Church, Hampstead, to-day.



The Stars and Stripes and the Nationalist banner for Mr. Harbison.

Polling takes place to-day for the election of a member for East Tyrone. The Sinn Feiners are bringing all their forces to bear, but it is confidently anticipated that the constituency will remain faithful to its traditions.—(Daily Mirror photographs.)

STALWART STAFFORDSHIRE MINERS MEAN TO FIGHT.



Miners marching from the Burslem recruiting office. The Staffordshire miners will need no combing out. When some hundreds of them, headed by the band, marched from the recruiting office at Burslem to the railway station at Stoke there were scenes of wild enthusiasm.



Troops going to the front.



SINGER.—Miss N. Cumbers, who devotes much time to singing to our soldiers and takes part in numerous A.M. aid efforts.



WOUNDED.—Lieut.-Col. A. de Lande Long, of the 1st Gordon Highlanders, who is reported to be wounded.